GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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COMPUTER SCAM IN ICAR
ADHI SANKAR;AVTAR SINGH BHADANA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Vigilance Commission has not been able to obtain the inquiry reports of Pawan Raina Committee and Bhoskar Barua Committee which conducted departmental inquiry into the computer purchase scam amounting to crores of rupees in I.C.A.R.;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a), (b) & (c): The CBI had registered PE No.1(A)/2001-ACU(VI) and investigated into the alleged irregularities in procurement o computers and Networking equipment under NATP. The CBI`s investigation is a sequel to the preliminary investigations carried out by Pawan Raina & Bhaskar Barua Committees.As per the CBI`s investigation report the inquiry did not reveal any malafides on the part of any officials of ICAR. Since the allegations have not been proved, the CBI has closed the case. No further action is necessary in this regard.